

BELMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

May 2, 2007
Meeting Minutes
Belmont Town Hall

Attending: Richard Cheek, Chair; Michael Smith; Arleyn Levee; Richard Pichette; Lisa Harrington; Peter Gunness; Nancy Richards (Secretary-Acting)
Absent: Lydia Ogilby; Linn Hobbs; Paul Bell

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1. PROPOSED PAINT COLOR CHANGE AT 710 PLEASANT STREET

BHDC recommended that the owners either select an appropriate color from Historic New England's period paint chart or have a paint analysis done and choose accordingly from the proposed colors based on the result. The BHDC will obtain the HNE color chart for the owners.

2. REVIEW PLANS AND MATERIALS FOR CHIMNEYS AT 5 SOMERSET STREET

Regarding plans and materials for the reconstruction/restoration of the chimneys: The chimneys have been taken down and the brick saved. A list of work and timeline are attached herewith. Tom Saltzman, Architect brought in samples of the new bricks to be used to supplement the old bricks in restoring the chimney.

Motion made, seconded and approved: To allow for the exact reconstruction of the chimneys with the brick material as proposed.

(Note: Consider putting an item in "Design Guidelines" to deal with procedure when Owner has to contend with a disintegrating structure. BHDC needs to be notified ahead of time as well as the Town Building Department.)

3. UPDATE ON DESIGN APPROVAL FOR CHANGES IN ARC/BROOKDALE BUILDINGS -ZONE 3 IN THE McLEAN DISTRICT

Did not discuss owing to non-appearance of parties.

4. UPDATE ON PRESERVATION RESTRICTION FOR CENTRAL FIRE STATION

Reviewed scope of work which developer intends to do. Discussed what the definition of a façade included. BHDC needs to make clear that any reference to the exterior includes all sides of the original 1899 building except for the rear facade.

5. DISCUSS APPROPRIATE NAME FOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE - McLEAN DISTRICT:

Proposed: "Belmont Highland." No action taken on proposal. BHDC will find someone (e.g., Richard Betts) who knows the history of the area to do additional research and suggest one or more names.

6. DISCUSS PROGRESS IN FINDING OUTSIDE EDITOR FOR DESIGN GUIDELINES

Did not discuss

7. REVIEW MINUTES FOR APRIL 4TH MEETING

"Minutes" for March 7, 2007 Meeting were approved

"Minutes" for April 4, 2007 Meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved..

8. OTHER OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

Proposed/agreed that Nancy Richards will attend the "Open Meeting Law Seminar" on Thursday, May 10th to be held in the Town Hall on behalf of the BHDC and in lieu of the Chair as required in the Town Administrator's (Thomas G. Younger) Letter of February 21st.

9. SET DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Accepted without objection as taken directly from Agenda: The BHDC will hold its next two regular meetings on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 and Wednesday, July 11, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Minutes recorded by Nancy Richards